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ferred to the concentration camp at Manclares de la Oca, located about 12 kilometers from Vitoria.

6. On the following day, 3 May, all the men had returned to work, presumably signing new contracts, and seemingly impressed by the number of arrests. Vitoria has a small industrial population and the proportion of arrests was very high. The fact that the individuals arrested were taken to the bullring and later to Manclares de la Oca also caused the impression that they would be held for a long period, and this undoubtedly also had its effect on the workers, [REDACTED]. Actually, almost all of those arrested were released by 12 May.

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7. On the night of 11 May about a dozen persons were arrested in Vitoria. [REDACTED] the arrests were caused by the fact that the authorities were trying to prevent leakage of news of the strike to foreign broadcasting stations. 25X1A

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3. A Spanish oppositionist in direct contact with the Vitoria strikers reported that on 4 May about 15,000 workers were out on strike. On that day the police had arrested 60 persons. Those arrested were well treated by the police of Vitoria, but reinforcements called in from Manclares de la Oca on 5 May used strong arm tactics in dealing with the strikers. Among those arrested on 5 May were a number of women and children and a Catholic priest, Victoriano ARISTI, who was accused of organizing a group of strikers belonging to the Hermandad Obrera de Accion Catolica. [REDACTED] the Communists neither helped to organize nor participated in the strike. Although the workers originally had decided not to strike until 7 May, the occurrence of small strikes prior to that date reportedly forced Basque union leaders to change their plans and to advance the strike date to 5 May.

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